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### 15%

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# Facing the music

## Law professor fires back at song-swapping lawsuits

**Associated Press**

**BOSTON** The music industry's courtroom campaign against people who share songs online is coming under counterattack.



**Tenenbaum**

A Harvard Law School professor has launched a constitutional assault against a federal copyright law at the heart of the industry's aggressive strategy, which has wrung thousands of song-swappers since 2003.

The professor, Charles Nesson, has come to the defense of a Boston University graduate student targeted in one of the music industry's lawsuits. By taking on the case, Nesson hopes to challenge the basis for the suit, and all others like it.

The initiative has generated more than 30,000 complaints against people accused of sharing songs online. Only one case has gone to trial; nearly everyone else settled out of court to avoid damages and limit the attorney fees and legal costs that escalate over time.

Nesson intervened after a federal judge in Boston asked his office to represent Joel Tenenbaum, who was among dozens of people who appeared in court in RIAA cases without legal help.

The 24-year-old Tenenbaum is a graduate student accused by the RIAA of downloading at least seven songs and making 816 music files available for distribution on the Kazaa file-sharing network in 2004. He offered to settle the case for \$500, but music companies



Harvard Law professor Charles Nesson. AP

### THE ARGUMENT

Nesson, the founder of Harvard's Berkman Center for Internet and Society, argues that the Digital Theft Deterrence and Copyright Damages Improvement Act of 1999 is unconstitutional because it effectively lets a private group—the Recording Industry Association of America, or RIAA—carry out civil enforcement of a criminal law.

rejected that, demanding \$12,000.

The Digital Theft Deterrence Act, the law at issue in the case, sets damages of \$750 to \$30,000 for each infringement, and as much as \$150,000 for a willful violation. That means Tenenbaum could be forced to pay \$1 million

if it is determined that his alleged actions were willful.

Cara Duckworth, a spokeswoman for the RIAA, said her group's pursuit of people suspected of music piracy is a fair response to the industry's multibillion-dollar losses since peer-to-peer networks began making it easy for people to share massive numbers of songs online.

"What should be clear is that illegally downloading and distributing music comes with many risks and is not an anonymous activity," Duckworth said.

Nesson is due to meet attorneys for the music industry for a pretrial conference on Tuesday, ahead of a trial set for Dec. 1.



## More pizza, less movement

Digital video recording company TiVo said Monday it is teaming up with Domino's Pizza to allow subscribers to order pizza from their TV sets for delivery or pick-up.

TV watchers will see an ad for Domino's and will be able to click "I want it" from their TV remote, said Rob Weisberg, vice president of precision and print marketing at Domino's. In about 30 minutes, the pizza will be at the door, he said.

Sorry, but that's just lazy. RedEye strained our brains from the comfort of our office chairs to try to think of anything lazier than ordering a pizza through the TV. Then we took a nap.

But here's what we came up with:

- » Using **grubhub.com**: Order and pay for takeout without actually talking to anyone.
- » Asking the delivery man to feed you the pizza. There's a "Real Housewives of Atlanta" marathon on, after all.
- » Letting the dog lick the dishes clean.
- » Taking an elevator down one floor.
- » Releasing a greatest hits album.
- » Ordering pizza through your alarm clock.



Raw coffee beans. TRIBUNE FILE

## Hunting for the perfect 'low-caf' bean

**Wall Street Journal**

From Madagascar to Costa Rica, farmers, scientists and multinational companies have been racing to deliver an elusive product—a gourmet coffee bean that's naturally low in caffeine.

Coffee companies have been spending millions of dollars identifying, breeding and, in some cases, genetically manipulating promising coffee varieties. They've tasted countless cups of coffee, all in pursuit of what some people call the industry's holy grail, a bean that produces a great-

tasting cup of "low-caf."

Italian roaster Illycaffè introduced Idillyum, its low-caffeine bean, in Italy in early October and plans to offer limited quantities in the U.S. starting Monday. Brazilian grower Daterra Coffee is selling its Opus I Exotic at a handful of coffee shops around the U.S. as well as to several wholesalers.

And the Costa Rica-based Doka Estate plans to start exporting its own low-caf beans next year for roasting and taste tests, with commercial

sales expected to begin in the U.S. in 2011. The company's clients include chains such as Caribou Coffee and Peet's Coffee & Tea.

Coffee companies have been looking for ways to perk up the \$2 billion decaf business, which has remained flat in recent years. A bean that is naturally low in caffeine but produces complex, flavorful coffee "would be a huge innovation," says Geoff Watts, green-coffee buyer for Chicago-based specialty roaster Intelligentsia Coffee.





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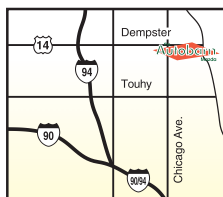
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**Simply put, riders are wondering if construction projects on the North Side and downtown will leave them out in the cold.**

#### TALK TO US

Are there any CTA construction projects that make you go, "huh"? Tell us about it or comment on progress at [goingpublic@tribune.com](http://goingpublic@tribune.com). Please include your full name, age and neighborhood, as we may run your thoughts in "Hey, CTA!"

## Riders: When will CTA projects end?

Hats and gloves have been brought forth from the back of the closet.

Leisurely walks outside have become a bit more brisk.

We've not quite entered the center of the cold, unforgiving winter that makes us question our loyalty to this locale, but temperatures are definitely falling. That could explain an increase in e-mails to "Going Public" questioning construction status along the CTA.

Simply put, riders are wondering if construction projects on the North Side and downtown will leave them out in the cold.

For example, Brown Line riders are fretting about the state of two stations, both of which are part of the CTA's \$530 million capacity expansion project.

Brown Line expansion is set to continue until the end of next year, but the Damen and Irving Park stops should be complete by Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, respectively, at least according to the Brown timeline on [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com).

But North Center's Ron Rodriguez isn't exactly confident about progress on the construction jobs.

"I am hoping that the Irving Park and Damen stations on the Brown Line will reopen before the hard winter sets in," Rodriguez wrote in an e-mail to "Going Public." "I see very few people working on them."

Fret not, Rodriguez. The stops are not off-track, though riders should not go by the dates posted on [transitchicago.com](http://transitchicago.com) for firm reopenings, CTA spokeswoman Katelyn Thrall said.

"The Brown Line Web site doesn't actually list reopening dates, but does list dates of closure and estimated duration," Thrall said, explaining that Irving Park should be finished by early December and Damen "is currently scheduled to be completed in December as well."

Fair enough.

But what's up downtown near the Washington stop, where patrons are railing against a shuttered pedway that provided a convenient connection point between Macy's and City Hall? One rider told "Going Public" she has asked about the pedway only to be given the runaround by the city that it is the CTA's responsibility, while CTA employees have told her it's a city project.

Neither is the case, according to Thrall, who said the pedway is the property of a private developer, Joseph Freed & Associates LLC, which is working on the Block 37 construction project.

"It is our understanding that as part of the development, Joseph Freed & Associates will restore a pedway between City Hall and Macy's, but confirmation and details such as the exact date of completion would have to come from them," Thrall said.

Well, here's our update: The pedway will not be ready for action in time for winter, according to Paul Fitzpatrick, Joseph Freed's senior vice president of development, who told me it will reopen by the summer of 2009.

Until then, it seems those passionate about the pedway will have to make do with down coats and a faster quick-step.



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# Oprah

**Ratings and magazine sales are down, but that doesn't mean that the 'O' isn't still golden**

**By Leonor Vivanco**  
REDEYE

Everyone knows her by one name: Oprah.

Media mogul. Benevolent billionaire. Influential icon. Talk show titan.

Oprah Winfrey seems to be everywhere these days: in prime time on NBC's "30 Rock" as a guest star earlier this month; at President-elect Obama's celebration in Grant Park; on daytime TV during the week; on magazine racks every month; and on her XM Satellite Radio channel, Oprah & Friends. That's not even counting next year, when OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network launches.

And the star power remains shining bright on her flagship talk show, with recent guests Will Smith, Tina Fey, Beyonce, Jennifer Aniston and Wednesday's guest, Brad Pitt.

But while her endeavors and business ventures are many, there are a few signs her expansive empire might be losing its momentum and her appeal weakening. Her O At Home magazine is folding. Her daytime talk show viewership and magazine sales are down. And she no longer tops popularity polls as she habitually did in years past.

So are people still obsessed with Oprah, or is the O-mance over?

"I do think what we are seeing cumulatively, all of these different pieces suggest that there is some kind of falling off of her enormous popularity. Whether or not she can turn that around, I don't know," said Janice Peck, author of "The Age of Oprah: Cultural Icon for the Neoliberal Era" released in May.

Peck, also a professor in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Colorado at Boulder, said she's noticed a shift in people's relationships and reactions to Winfrey over the past year. On [oprah.com](http://oprah.com) message boards,

Peck said she saw "really intense debate, criticism and negative comments" about Winfrey after she formally endorsed Obama for president on "Larry King Live," upsetting some of her fans.

People also have expressed discontent with the New Age spirituality Winfrey seems to embrace, Peck said, like in 1998, when her show's theme was "Change Your Life TV." This year, Winfrey listed "A New Earth" by Eckhart Tolle as one of her book club selections. In 2007, she dedicated two shows to "The Secret," which promotes the philosophy that positive thoughts will attract happiness, health and wealth.

This month, the Hearst Corporation announced that the quarterly spinoff O At Home would be consolidated into its flagship O, The Oprah Magazine. The last stand-alone issue of O At Home is to be delivered to newsstands next Tuesday.

Magazine circulation figures for the first half of 2008 were virtually flat overall and for the top 20 women's magazines compared to the same period in 2007, but Winfrey's monthly O magazine dipped slightly, by 1.7 percent, to 2.3 million per issue on average, according to the Audit Bureau of Circulations.

Still, the magazine outsells Martha Stewart's and Rachael Ray's magazines, and even Glamour and Redbook.

In a statement, Hearst insisted that popularity is not waning for the third-largest monthly magazine on U.S. newsstands. "One out of eight American women reads O, and the power of the brand is incredibly strong: The magazine's annual O You! Event on Oct. 25 sold out in record time, and the 4,000 attendees were thrilled when Oprah Winfrey made a surprise appearance," the statement read.

Like her magazine, Winfrey's talk show numbers have slipped—but it's a trend that also has hit similar shows.

Winfrey's Emmy-winning syndicated talk show—the top-rated talk show for

nearly 500 consecutive weeks—routinely trounces competitors including Dr. Phil McGraw, Martha Stewart, Tyra Banks and Ellen DeGeneres by millions of viewers. And Winfrey scored her highest rating since Feb. 12 with her post-election episode on Nov. 5, according to CBS, which syndicates the show.

But viewership for "The Oprah Winfrey Show" has declined since the 2004-05 season, when she averaged 8.8 million watchers, according to Nielsen Media Research. The daytime talk show averaged 6.6 million live and same-day viewers in the 2007-08 TV season.

Ratings of "Oprah's Big Give" reality show started strong this year with 15 million viewers, but fluctuated, averaging 10.8 million for the eight episodes.

Harpo Productions, which produces Winfrey's talk show, referred questions about the show to CBS and questions about the magazine to Hearst. Harpo declined to make any additional comments about Winfrey's appeal.

Earlier this year, DeGeneres ended Winfrey's five-year run as the favorite TV personality in a January Harris online poll of more than 1,100 adults nationwide. DeGeneres also beat out Winfrey in a March AOL poll of 1.3 million respondents that asked which daytime host makes their day and would be the ideal dinner party guest.

But Winfrey still has ample power and influence. "We live in a society that seems to become less and less literate," said student Sam Dreessen, 20, who lives in Lincoln Park. "The fact that she's using her enormous influence to encourage people to read books, which are usually good, I think that's a good thing."

Kari Johannsen, 32, TiVos "Oprah" because of the issues on her show, which aren't, she says, farfetched. But she draws the line at the book club.

"I appreciate everything she does ... she's got a good heart and she's willing to help people," said Johannsen, a real estate agent in River North. But what she dislikes is Winfrey's far-reaching influence. "Pretty much everything she touches turns to gold, and I don't think her personal likes and dislikes should have that effect on people," she said.

Others said people may be experiencing the onset of Oprah overload.

"It started with her backing Barack Obama and it moved on to her attempt to do the reality show," said Sharon Ross, TV studies professor at Columbia College Chicago. "A little bit of Oprah goes a long way. ... People don't need it 24/7."

However, Winfrey has plenty of fans.

Autumn Bailey, 29, a financial consultant, catches "Oprah" when she can and picks up her magazine occasionally. "The thing I like about her the most is she uses her resources to improve other people's lives while so many talk show hosts go for the salacious dirt," said Bailey, who lives in Kenwood.

Winfrey is inspiring, she said. "She really has a good heart and she uses her show as a platform to help people live better lives. I love her. I think she's fabulous," Bailey said.

And it's not like Winfrey's empire is crumbling.

"It's important to remember the size of this empire," Peck said. "She has a long way to fall until we start going, 'Poor Oprah.'" [LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM](mailto:LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM)

## Rich & Famous

Even though Winfrey's ratings and magazine circulation are down, she's still raking in millions.

This year, Forbes ranked her ...

**No. 1**

on its list of the world's most powerful and best-paid celebrities

**No. 36**

among the 100 most powerful women in the world

**No. 155**

among the 400 richest Americans, with a net worth pegged at \$2.7 billion

## Throw down

It's Oprah vs. Martha: They both host talk shows and radio shows and own magazines. Who's the hostess with the mostest?

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**Martha Stewart**







Oprah Winfrey addresses the audience at a Barack Obama campaign stop in South Carolina in December. Some point to her endorsement of Obama as contributing to the nation's overexposure to her.

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### ALL EYES ON ME

#### "The Oprah Winfrey Show"

6.6 million viewers for 2007-08 season

#### "The Martha Stewart Show"

1.2 million viewers for 2007-08 season

#### WINNER Oprah

She even removed herself and her show from Emmy contention after winning more than 40 daytime Emmy awards. On top of that, she had her charitable "Oprah's Big Give" show filled with celebs.

### OVERALL WINNER

Oprah still trumps the one-time Donald Trump wannabe Martha.

### READ ALL ABOUT IT

CIRCULATION FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2008

#### O, The Oprah Magazine

2.3 million copies on average

#### O at Home

703,952 on average

#### Martha Stewart Living

2 million copies on average

#### WINNER Oprah

Looks like she has more readers.

### NAME GAME

#### Winfrey

She has the "O" factor. Fans check out her "favorite things" and buy books in her book club.

**Stewart** She sells her own branded collection at Kmart and Macy's and lends her name to paint colors at Lowe's, furniture with Bernhardt and floor designs with FLOR.

#### WINNER Martha

Her products are everywhere.

# The next Oprah

Blagica Bottiglieri, 32, said she respects Winfrey as an entrepreneur and appreciates it when she introduces new technology, such as phone service Skype and digital book reader Kindle, to her audience.

But Winfrey is also known to introduce viewers to rising TV stars.

"I always wonder when she introduces a [recurring] guest. I always wonder, 'Will this be the next Oprah superstar?'" said Bottiglieri, a digital media strategist who lives in the South Loop. "I hate to say it but sometimes I wonder, 'Are you showing this person as a friend, or ... to get the audience to like them?'" she said.

Winfrey has helped boost the careers of Dr. Phil McGraw, Rachael Ray and Dr. Mehmet Oz by backing their efforts to become successful TV hosts of their own. But will any of them—or her other competitors—truly be the next Oprah? **LEONOR VIVANCO**



### Dr. Phil

His show, on since 2002, is the second-highest-rated talk show behind, of course, Oprah's. His advice also is featured on **match.com**. But

don't forget the Britney Spears snafu, when he visited her in the hospital and then blabbed to the media.

#### Can he surpass Oprah?

Using his words, "Get real."



### Tyra Banks

Her numerous projects include her talk show, "America's Next Top Model" and a multiyear deal with Warner Bros. to develop

projects including "Stylista," a direct-to-DVD series based on the Clique teen book series, and a new ABC series with Ashton Kutcher, Forbes reported.

#### Can she surpass Oprah?

Her stock is rising and her empire is expanding.



### Rachael Ray

Like Winfrey, she has an Emmy-winning talk show and a magazine, Every Day with Rachael Ray. Plus, she's the author of best-selling

cookbooks. But she hasn't escaped controversy. Remember the flack she caught for wearing a kaffiyeh in a Dunkin' Donuts ad?

#### Can she surpass Oprah?

Not sure she has the appetite for superstardom.



# chicago

## McCain, Obama reunite—but on friendlier terms

**Associated Press**

President-elect Obama and former Republican rival John McCain pledged Monday to work together on ways to change Washington's "bad habits," though aides to both men said it was unlikely McCain would serve in an Obama Cabinet.

The two men met in Obama's transition headquarters in Chicago for the first time since the Illinois senator vanquished McCain

in the presidential election Nov. 4. Obama said they wanted to talk about "how we can do some work together to fix up the country," and he added that he would offer his own thanks to McCain "for the outstanding service he's already rendered."

Obama has said he is likely to invite at least one Republican to join his Cabinet, but McCain was

### FLY ON THE WALL

Barack Obama and John McCain were heard briefly discussing football, and Obama (below) cracked that "the national press is tame compared to the Chicago press."



not expected to be a candidate.

The Arizonan is serving his fourth term in the Senate.

Obama and McCain sat together for a brief picture-taking session with reporters, along with Rahm Emanuel, Obama's incoming White House chief of staff, and South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, McCain's close friend.

When asked if he planned to help the Obama administration, McCain replied, "Obviously."

After the meeting, the two issued a joint statement saying: "At this defining moment in history, we believe that Americans of all parties want and need their leaders to come together and change the bad habits of Washington so that we can solve the common and urgent challenges of our time."

"We hope to work together in the days and months ahead on critical challenges like solving our financial crisis, creating a new energy economy and protecting our nation's security," it said.



There was plenty of added security Monday outside the Kluczynski Federal Building in the Loop.

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# Security headaches

## Loop business owners say Obama safeguards hurt their bottom line

**Chicago Tribune**

The president-elect's security force was an unavoidable presence in the Loop on Monday morning as Barack Obama met with John McCain in the Kluczynski Federal Building.

Thirty-eight floors below, dozens of officers from Federal Protective Services patrolled the building's lobby and periphery. Agents checked the IDs of everyone who entered a metal barricade enclosing the majority of the plaza the building shares with a large post office and an Alexander Calder sculpture.

Several Chicago police officers kept watch over traffic, redirecting trucks away from streets around the building.

Most people who work in the area said the massive security effort presented only minor inconveniences: a longer wait at the metal detector to enter the Kluczynski Building or a change of location for cigarette breaks.

"This is the president of the United States,



## \$1 million for cops

The effort to secure President-elect Obama's transition office in Chicago could cost the city close to \$1 million, according to a Tribune analysis.

The Chicago Police Department is staffing the area around the Kluczynski Federal Building this week with officers from police headquarters and the training division. But beginning next week, the department plans to assign newly hired officers to work the details as "special employment" on their days off, said Monique Bond, spokeswoman for the department. The officers will receive time-and-a-half pay, she said.

of course he should have this much security," said Mark Frazier, a passport/visa expediter. "It's a necessary evil."

But for some businesses near the transition team's headquarters, the constant presence of Secret Service agents has meant more than

the occasional hassle.

Brien Cron, the manager of the UPS store across from the entrance to the Kluczynski Building's underground garage, said business is down 50 percent within the last week.

Customers either don't realize the store is open or are kept from the sidewalk in front of the store when Obama's motorcade is on the move, Cron said. Employees are under scrutiny, and delivery truck drivers must walk their cargo from a parking spot two blocks away. When Cron's cell phone was seized and erased by an agent when he attempted to videotape the motorcade last week, Cron thought it was "way over the top."

Bucha and Bong Shin, owners of Downtown Cleaners on Quincy Street, were even more concerned about their business. Because their front door is on the street where postal trucks line up for inspection before entering the underground garage, foot traffic has virtually disappeared over the last two weeks.

The Shins and Cron said they had not been contacted by any law-enforcement agencies before the security effort was launched.

"We can't wait until he leaves," Cron said.



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# Proposed gay school has bigger mission

Organizers behind a plan to develop Chicago's first public high school catering to gay and lesbian students have changed the name and broadened the focus of the school to include all disenfranchised groups of students, according to officials.

The revised plan is expected to be voted on Wednesday by the Chicago Board of Education. It comes after religious leaders, some gay rights activists and Mayor Daley expressed concerns that developing the

proposed School for Social Justice's Pride Campus would segregate gay youths. If the school is approved, it will be named the Social Justice Solidarity High School when it opens in 2010.

"While the school will be open to all students, its special mission will be to provide a haven where students can feel safe and valued for who they are," reads the mission statement of the proposed school.

The organizers behind the Social Justice

Solidarity High School said in a statement that the changes reflected concerns they heard during public hearings.

"This school proposal went through a very rigorous community input process," the statement said, noting that as a public school, organizers aim to reach "the broadest base of support possible."

Michael Vaughn, a district spokesman, said, "They wanted to try and make sure that the scope was broadened so that kids who

are isolated for other issues, whether that be religion, obesity or other things that kids get teased about ... have a spot at that school too."

But several gay activists said they believe the new plan is a "watered-down" version of what is needed to keep these children safe. Andy Thayer, co-founder of the Gay Liberation Network, said he and other gay activists plan to be at the meeting Wednesday to protest the changes.

## West Side high-rise fire



A fire broke out Monday evening in a high-rise building just off the Kennedy Expressway on the near West Side. No injuries were reported in the blaze, which started around 6 p.m. in the closet of a sixth-floor unit in the Northwest Towers, 1170 W. Erie St. **MIKE ANZALDI PHOTO FOR TRIBUNE**

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"It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," Mancari said Monday, with an enthusiasm only a car salesman can muster. "There's no secret: The industry is slow right now. We're

### HOW IT WORKS

It works like this: Frank Mancari said he wants to move the 2008 Pacificas off his lot. Those in stock are priced at \$37,000 to \$40,000, he said. The vehicles are larger, SUV-style, family luxury cars, he said. The PT Cruiser also is new but has low mileage, and would give the buyer a more economical vehicle too. "It's a great deal," Mancari said. "These are two great cars."

trying to generate activity with a great deal."

Mancari had five 2008 Pacificas on his lot, 4630 95th St. in the southwest suburb, Monday afternoon. Once they are all sold, the offer ends.

## Peterson meets with divorce lawyer

Former Bolingbrook Police Sgt. Drew Peterson has met with Jeffery Leving, a Chicago attorney who specializes in the rights of divorced fathers, to talk about a possible divorce from his fourth wife, Stacy, who has



**Peterson**

been missing since Oct. 28, 2007.

"I'll confirm that Drew Peterson did have a consultation with Jeff Leving," said Joel Brodsky, Peterson's criminal defense attorney.

Peterson, 54, is a suspect in his wife's disappearance, which police have labeled a "potential homicide."

Authorities are also reinvestigating the 2004 death of his third wife, Kathleen Savio.

In Illinois, willful desertion or abandonment for at least one year is grounds for a divorce. Brodsky said Peterson met with Leving after the one-year anniversary of Stacy Peterson's disappearance. Derek Armstrong, author of "Drew Peterson Exposed," reported the meeting Monday.

"I can confirm that he was in my office," Leving said, but he declined to comment further. Leving said he met with Peterson on Nov. 11.

Peterson referred all questions to Brodsky. In the past, he has maintained that his wife, then 23, left him for someone else.

### Man hit by several cars dies

A Tinley Park man died Monday after being hit by several cars as he tried to cross Lake Shore Drive on the North Side on Sunday night. Luke Jones, 25, was hit in the northbound lanes in the 2900 block of North Lake Shore Drive near the Belmont exit, according to police. A Chicago police spokeswoman said it was unclear why Jones was in the road.

### \$5,000 reward for fugitive

The FBI is offering a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest of fugitive Daniel Bonilla, charged last month in a large drug conspiracy case involving a powerful Chicago street gang. Bonilla, 25, whose last known address was in the 2500 block of North Harding Avenue, was among 30 people hit with federal charges in "Operation Snake Charmer." That investigation targeted the Spanish Cobras street gang on the North Side and involved the use of undercover informants and electronic surveillance.

### Body is that of student

Northwestern University on Monday said a body pulled from Lake Michigan on the North Side was a freshman from Colorado who was reported missing from campus more than a week ago. The Cook County medical examiner's office notified the university that the body was freshman Trevor Boehm, who was reported missing Nov. 9.

### Woman sues over transplant

A 33-year-old woman who claims she contracted HIV and hepatitis C from a kidney transplant sued the University of Chicago Medical Center and one of its doctors Monday, saying they should have told her the organ donor was gay. Attorney Thomas Demetrio, who represents the woman, said he knows of no other lawsuit in American courts stemming from a patient who got HIV from a transplant.



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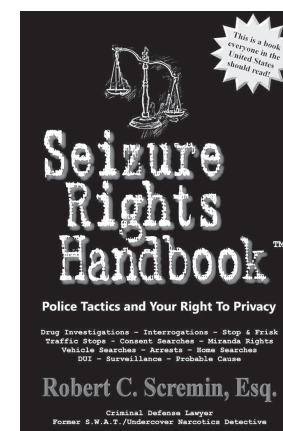
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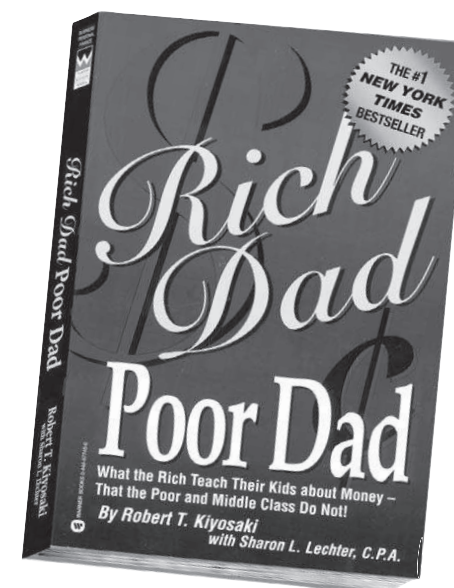
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# Pirates seize huge oil tanker

**6 DUBAI, United Arab Emirates** Somali pirates hijacked a supertanker hundreds of miles off the Horn of Africa, seizing the Saudi-owned ship loaded with crude and its 25-member crew, the U.S. Navy said Monday.

It was the largest ship pirates have seized, and the farthest out to sea they have successfully struck.

The hijacking highlighted the vulnerability of even very large ships and pointed to widening ambitions and capabilities among ransom-hungry pirates who have carried out a surge of attacks this year off Somalia.

## BIG BOAT

The hijacked tanker, owned by Saudi oil company Aramco, is one of the largest ships to sail the seas. It is 1,080 feet long, or about the length of an aircraft carrier, and can carry about 2 million barrels of oil.



Saturday's hijacking of the MV Sirius Star tanker occurred in the Indian

Ocean far south of the zone patrolled by international warships in the busy Gulf of Aden shipping channel, which leads to and from the Suez Canal.

Maritime security experts said they have tracked a troubling spread in pirate activity southward into a vast area of ocean that would be extremely difficult and costly to patrol, and this hijacking fits that pattern.

Fully loaded, the ship's cargo could be worth about \$100 million.

But the pirates would have no way of selling crude and no way to refine it in Somalia.



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## 53,000

Approximate number of jobs Citigroup says it will shed in the coming quarters as the banking giant struggles to steady itself after suffering massive losses from deteriorating debt.

## 1 Fire devastation

A sad procession of residents returned Monday to see for themselves the devastation wrought by a wind-swept wildfire that incinerated nearly 500 houses in what had been a neatly kept mobile home park near L.A.

## Welcome to winter

A blast of cold wind spread snow along the Great Lakes from Michigan to New York on Monday, dumping 2 feet on Constableville in central New York.



## Kennedy back at work

**2** Sen. Edward Kennedy, who is fighting a malignant brain tumor, is back at work in the Senate for the first time since July.

## 3 Clash in Athens

Police clashed with demonstrators outside the U.S. Embassy in Athens on Monday during an annual march through central Athens to mark the anniversary of a student uprising.

## 4 Mob boss killed

A car exploded in Tel Aviv on Monday, killing Ya'akov Alperon, a man Israeli media identified as an organized crime leader.

## 5 Grenade attack

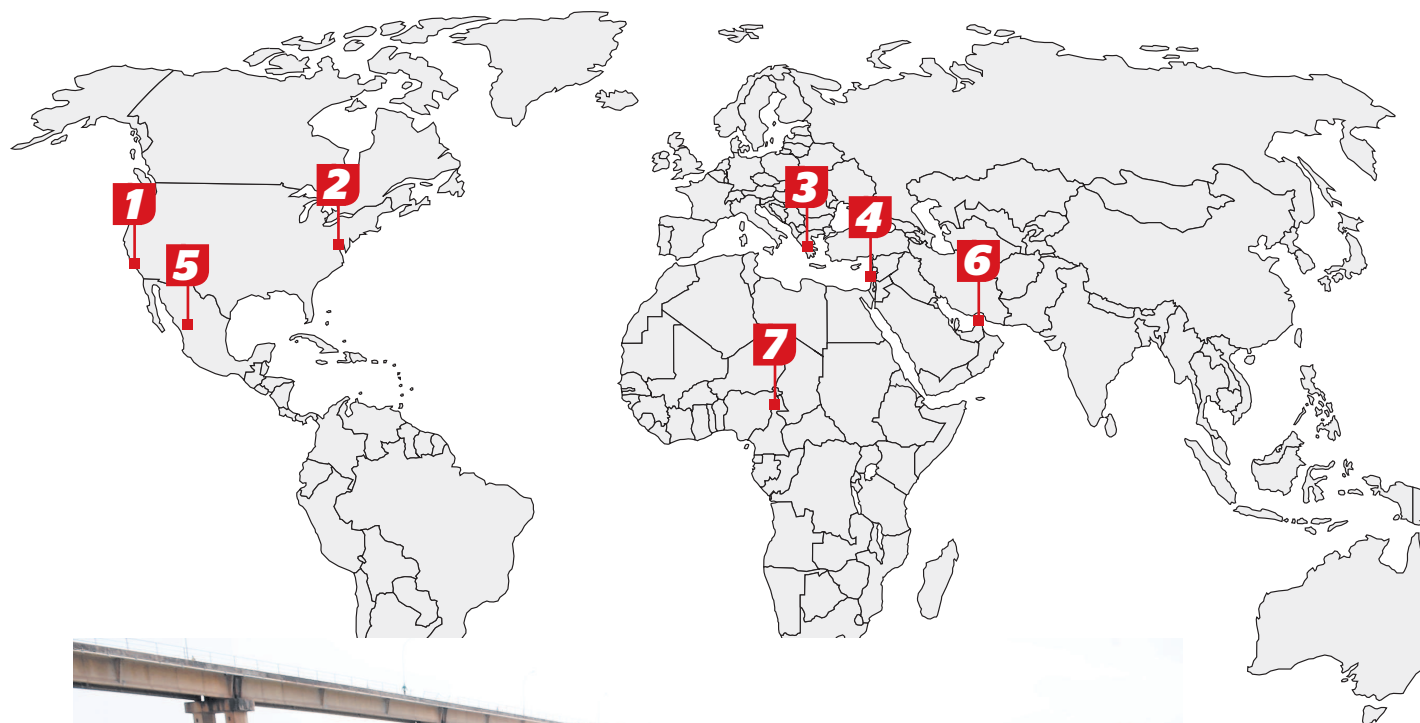
A Mexican newspaper's offices have been damaged by two grenades in the violence-plagued city of Culiacan in Mexico.

## Rocky Wall Street

Wall Street finished sharply lower Monday—down nearly 340 points—as investors pored over more signs of economic weakness, including a huge round of layoffs in the financial sector.

## Less spam for now

Spam volume has been cut by more than half because Internet providers pulled the plug on a Web hosting firm that was allegedly helping some of the world's most dastardly junk e-mail gangs. But junk e-mail levels already are swelling again, and are expected to return to normal in a matter of days.



## Hippo hopping

**7 GAROUA, Cameroon** Fisherman Liman Boucar Souaibou (right) jumps off a hippopotamus named Africa. Liman has taught Africa, who weighs about four metric tons, to be friendly toward children and tourists. GETTY IMAGES



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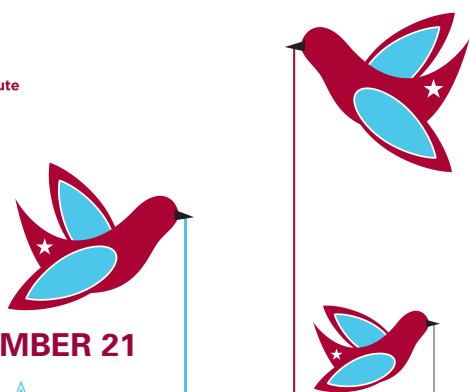
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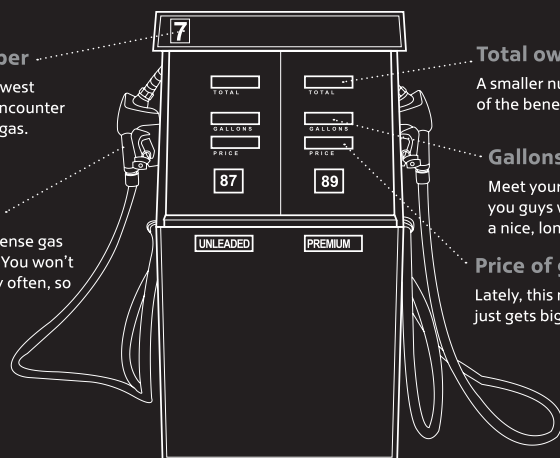
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## Cuban temper crisis

The insider trading charge isn't the first controversy involving Mark Cuban. Here are some of his most recent run-ins. **REDEYE**

**January 2001:** On the first anniversary of his deal to buy the Mavericks, Cuban was fined \$250,000 for criticizing referees after a loss to the Pistons. Cuban had arena officials freeze a replay of an offensive goaltending violation he thought officials missed, then had photographers take pictures of it.



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**February 2001:** Fined \$10,000 and suspended from two games after he ran onto the court to break up a fight with the Cavaliers (above). This is known as the "chalupa incident" because the brawl was over the Mavs trying to break 100 points so fans would get free chalupas.

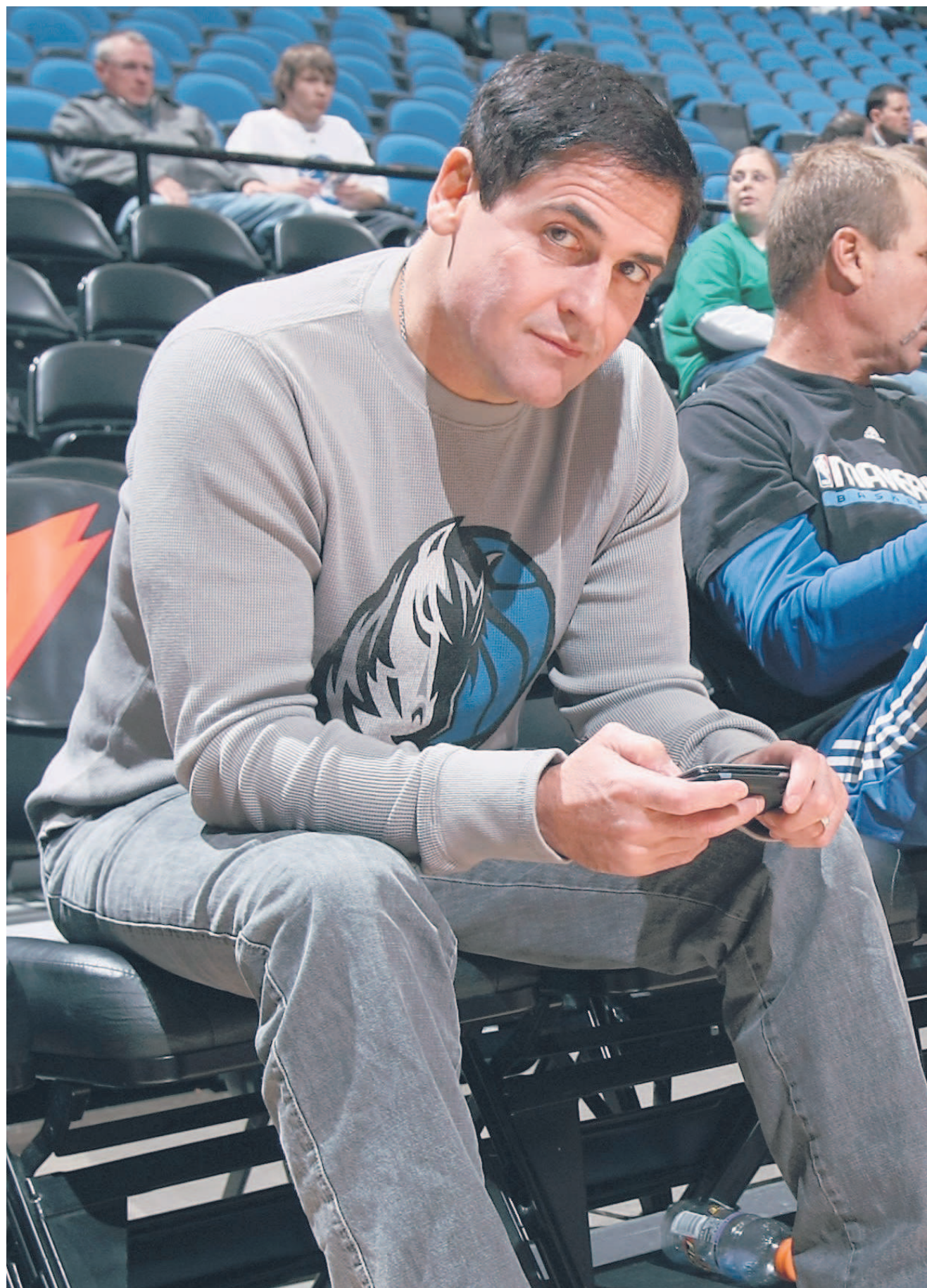
**April 2001:** Fined \$100,000 and suspended from one game for making a derogatory gesture during a 111-106 loss to the Suns. "I didn't make a derogatory gesture," he later said. "I jumped up and grabbed my throat after a missed call, and that was it."

**January 2002:** Fined \$500,000 for criticizing the NBA's manager of officials, Ed Rush, saying he "might have been a great ref, but I wouldn't hire him to manage a Dairy Queen."

**2005-2006:** After former Mavericks player Michael Finley returned to play Dallas as a member of the San Antonio Spurs, Cuban encouraged fans to shower him with boos.

**May 2006:** The NBA fined Cuban \$200,000 for referee-bashing. Half the punishment was for going onto the court during Dallas' 87-85 loss to San Antonio. The rest was for his blog: "[The NBA] doesn't view the playoffs as a place where the very best of the best of officials go to work. ... In fact, if the info I have is correct, there are officials who haven't even been promoted to full-time crew chief who get playoff assignments. How crazy is that?"

**June 2006:** Fined \$250,000 for "several acts of misconduct" committed after a 101-100 overtime loss to the Heat in Game 5 of the NBA Finals. Cuban went onto the floor to vent directly to official Joe DeRosa, then stared at and screamed toward Commissioner David Stern and a group of league officials. **TRIBUNE, NEWS SERVICES CONTRIBUTED.**



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# Cuban out?

## Insider trading charges could hurt chances to buy Cubs

### Chicago Tribune

Insider trading charges brought Monday against Mark Cuban, an Internet entrepreneur and owner of the Dallas Mavericks, could weaken his chances of buying the Cubs.

There already was doubt whether other baseball owners would welcome the loud and brash self-made billionaire into their fraternity if he had the highest bid. Now they have something to use to deny him entry, said a sports economist familiar with baseball ownership decisions.

"The charges give the commissioner's office another pretext for turning him down," said Andrew Zimbalist, an economics professor at Smith College.

Robert DuPuy, president of Major League Baseball, declined to comment.

If the charges effectively eliminate Cuban from the Cubs auction, his absence would be the latest setback for the sales process that began when Chicago real estate investor Sam Zell reached

a deal to acquire team owner Tribune Co. in April 2007.

Since then, a declining economy and tight credit markets have raised questions about whether Zell can complete a transaction once expected to bring in more than \$1 billion. Cuban's absence would further alter the dynamics of the auction, as other bidders were afraid he would try to win the team and Wrigley Field at any cost.

"Mark was the wild card," said a person close to one of the bidders, who asked to remain anonymous because the sale is ongoing. "No one knew what he was going to do."

Other bidders include the Ricketts family, a founder of online brokerage TD Ameritrade Holding Corp., and Chicago real estate investor Hersch Klaff.

Tribune Co., owner of the Chicago Tribune and RedEye, declined to comment.

Christopher Clark, a lawyer for Cuban, said the insider

trading charges should not hurt Cuban's involvement in the Cubs sale because the two matters are not connected.

Cuban, 50, did not respond to requests for comment beyond a statement that he will fight the Securities and Exchange Commission charges.

The SEC's civil lawsuit, filed in Dallas, claims Cuban sold 600,000 shares of Internet search engine **mamma.com** in 2004 based on non-public information about an impending private stock offering that threatened to reduce the market value of his holdings. By selling out, the suit alleges, Cuban avoided losses of more than \$750,000.

Ralph Ferrara, another Cuban lawyer, said in a statement that the complaint "has no merit and is a product of gross abuse of prosecutorial discretion."

In his statement, Cuban said, "I am disappointed that the commission chose to bring this case based upon its enforcement staff's win-at-any-cost ambitions. The staff's process was result-oriented, facts be damned. The government's claims are false, and they will be proven to be so."

According to the complaint, Cuban acquired his shares in March 2004. The Montreal-based company has since changed its name to Copernic Inc. and trades for less than \$1 a share.

On June 28, 2004, Cuban, who was the company's "largest known" shareholder, with a 6 percent stake, was asked to participate in a private stock offering, the SEC said. The commission asserted that **mamma.com**'s chief executive told Cuban during a phone call to keep the offering information confidential.

Cuban, according to the complaint, said in the call that he did not like the private offering because it would dilute the value of existing shares and added, "Well, now I'm screwed. I can't sell."

Later that day, Cuban spoke to the company's investment adviser who told him the offered shares would be sold at a discount to the market price, the SEC alleged.

One minute after hanging up with the adviser, Cuban called his broker and instructed him to sell his stake in the company, the SEC said. That night and the next morning, his shares sold for about \$13 a share. After the markets closed on June 29, **mamma.com** announced the private offering.

On June 30, 2004, its shares opened at \$11.89, down 9.3 percent from its previous closing price, the SEC said.

### CUBS TO HELP OPEN NEW YANKEE STADIUM

The Cubs will play the first exhibition games at the new Yankee Stadium, meeting New York on April 3 and again the following afternoon.

The \$1.3 billion ballpark, scheduled for substantial completion by Feb. 17, will host its first regular-season game when the Yankees play Cleveland on April 16. Ticket prices will be announced later.

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**MARK CUBAN** (left) on the insider trading charges filed against him by the Securities and Exchange Commission

## Getting down on the Bears

The Bears just laid down [Sunday]. The Packers hit them in the mouth and they just laid there refusing to put up a fight. I cannot see any chance of making the playoffs or having any kind of extended run in the playoffs. The entire team should have had their checks withheld yesterday for that disgraceful lack of effort.

**Steven Holman, West Loop**

Does anyone else hear that fat lady singing?

**Luke, Portage Park**

A talented defense that has only dropped off since the Super Bowl, and an offense that has no idea what they're trying to do. Time for a coaching change.

**Ryan Stefan, Lincoln Park**

Hopefully, the Cubs the will take Blackhawks lead of retiring a jersey number (No. 3 for Pierre Pilote and Keith Magnuson) for two legendary players and retire No. 31 for Hall of Fame pitcher Fergie Jenkins and future Hall of Fame pitcher Greg Maddux.

**Walter Brzeski, Montclare**

### The Twitter universe

On Monday, RedEye asked our followers on Twitter (**twitter.com/redeyechicago**) if the accusations of insider trading against Mark Cuban affected their thoughts on his possibly owning the Cubs.

**PDahl:** No way. I want that guy and quickly before the Cubs decide to let any other players just leave.

**neilarsenty:** What? Mark Cuban is untrustworthy? That's news to me!

**ChicagoDining:** It doesn't change my mind, but it's irrelevant since MLB would never let Zell sell to Cuban.

**RoboElectric:** It just makes me even more convinced he would be a bad idea for potential Cub's ownership.



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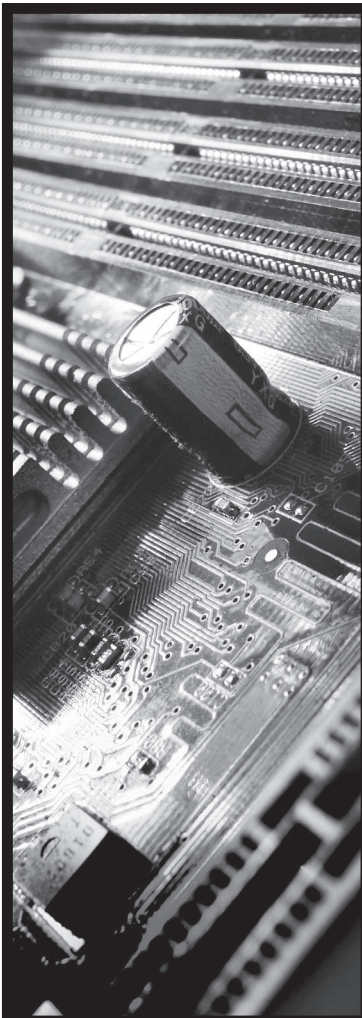
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# Outsiders

The only insider trading these five are involved in is swapping lame jokes.

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1 Give the Bulls' circus trip a name a la "Ringling Bros."	Derrick Rose and the Cadre of Fortunate Clowns.	The Greatest Lead Blow on Earth. Thank Drew Gooden, the Bearded Lady.	The Trip The Win Column Stood Still.	Doomed Trip of Doom—Now With More Lions!	The Bulls' Nov. West Coast Road Trip presented by Viagra. Or Toyota. Or something.
2 What might Bulls players do in their downtime in L.A.?	Sit in traffic. Just like we do here.	Hollywood Walk of Fame. They should get to see what a star looks like.	Visit the Playboy Mansion and see if they can find my lucky underwear.	Try to get "inside position" on one of the remaining single "Girls Next Door."	Get to and from their hotel. Everything's an hour away from everything else out there.
3 Kobe Bryant is to the L.A. Lakers as ...	... Leo is to Five on Five. A necessary evil.	... a chopper is to a motorcycle gang. Everybody needs a hog.	... Rahula Strohl is to the Laker Girls.	... Tony Soprano is to the doughnut industry.	... entitlement and arrogance is to pride and tradition.
4 What could top a Cleveland-Buffalo Monday-night game?	A rerun of "Three's Company."	Ranch. What else do you find in Buffalo?	Falling asleep on an ant hill after bathing in peanut butter.	A rusty nail driven through my earlobe.	A Jacksonville-Tampa Super Bowl.
5 NASCAR is facing financial trouble. Offer your fundraising ideas.	Pin the stubble on Tony Stewart.	Car wash. Most NASCAR drivers and fans could use a good wax.	Offer same-day on-track marriages and/or quickie divorce.	Sell ad space on every driver's visor. Bonus: More crashes mean more viewers.	Is it a "bake" sale if fried Twinkies are available?



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# McNabb clueless

Tie? What tie? Thanks to Donovan McNabb, players around the league now must know there doesn't have to be a winner or loser in every regular-season game. Yes, there are ties in the NFL.

A day after the Philadelphia Eagles and Cincinnati Bengals played a 13-13 tie, everyone wanted to know how it's possible some NFL players, especially a 10-year veteran such as McNabb, don't know simple rules about overtime games.

"I'm sure there are plenty of rules that guys don't understand, but I don't think that has any factor whatsoever to do with the outcome of this game and how they played in the overtime," Eagles coach Andy Reid said Monday. The Eagles now have

played 12 OT games, including one in the playoffs, since McNabb joined the team in 1999. Yet, the five-time Pro Bowler didn't know ties were possible.

"I've never been a part of a tie. I never even knew that was in the rule book," McNabb said.

"In college, there are multiple overtimes, and in high school and Pop Warner. I never knew in the professional ranks it would end that way. I hate to see what would happen in the Super Bowl and in the playoffs."

Uh, they keep playing if it's tied in the playoffs or Super Bowl. McNabb didn't know that, either.

Donovan McNabb was unaware ties existed in the NFL before the Eagles-Bengals game on Sunday.

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## BLOWN CALL LEADS TO REVIEW

A mistake by the officials on the final play of the game between the Pittsburgh Steelers and San Diego Chargers didn't alter the outcome. But it did lead the NFL to review its rules regarding replays. "On the final play of Sunday's game between the Chargers and Steelers, Pittsburgh safety Troy Polamalu returned a loose ball 12 yards for a defensive touchdown," the league said in a statement Monday. "After an instant replay review and crew conference, the on-field ruling of touchdown was incorrectly reversed to no touchdown due to an illegal forward pass by San Diego." The NFL said it is discussing with the rule-making competition committee "potential administrative improvements for replay that would help to prevent this type of mistake in the future."

## watch dog

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It's not often I stick up for another city's star, but I think the Phillies' Ryan Howard was robbed in NL All-Star voting. He only helped lead the Phillies to the World Series title, hit 48 homers and drove in 146 RBIs. The NL MVP had 37 homers and 116 RBIs. And his team finished fourth in its division. His name: Albert Pujols. His team: the St. Louis Cardinals. And that has nothing to do with it. Honest. Now, my TV picks.

**NBA**  
**Bulls at L.A. Lakers**  
9:30 p.m. CSN

Is it called the circus trip because the circus is at the United Center or because it starts in L.A.?

**NHL**  
**Blackhawks at Phoenix**  
8:30 p.m. CSN Plus

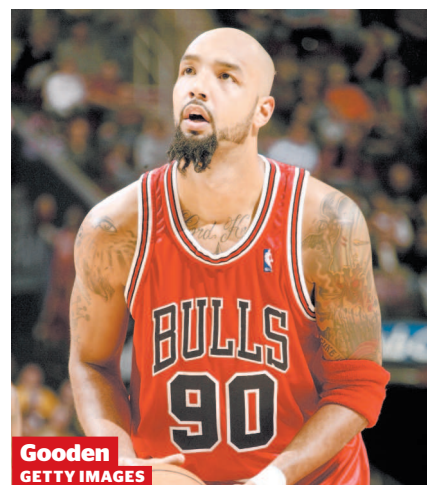
I'm rooting for the Hawks even though Phoenix represents my long-lost brethren, the Coyotes.

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## HOMETOWN HITS



**Gooden**  
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» Drew Gooden tweaked his sore right ankle at Monday's practice, and his availability is in question.

» The Bulls waived forward Demetris Nichols on Monday. The 6-foot-8 Nichols appeared in two games this season and averaged one point.



The White Sox on Monday claimed right-handed reliever Kelvin Jimenez off waivers from the Toronto Blue Jays.

The 28-year-old Jimenez posted a 5.63 ERA in 15 appearances for the St. Louis Cardinals last season.



**Next game**  
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## Monday's results

- » DePaul 75, Albany 64
- » Marquette 106, Chicago State 87
- » Loyola 74, Georgia 53

## HIT AND RUN

### BASEBALL

#### Pujols wins MVP

St. Louis Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols won his second NL MVP award, powering past Philadelphia star Ryan Howard by a comfortable margin Monday. Pujols hit .357 with 37 home runs and 116 RBIs while playing with a sore right elbow. He was rewarded despite the Cardinals' fourth-place finish in the NL Central.

### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

#### Player nets rare feat

Bard women's basketball player Latiqua Williams has pulled off one of the sport's rarest feats: the quadruple-double. She scored 21 points, grabbed 13 rebounds, made 11 steals and dished out 10 assists against the College of New Rochelle on Sunday.

## MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Cleveland's Andra Davis intercepts a pass intended for Buffalo's James Hardy (right) during the first quarter Monday in New York. Phil Dawson kicked five field goals—including a 56-yarder with less than 2 minutes left—and Jerome Harrison ran for a 72-yard touchdown to lead the Browns to a 29-27 victory over the Bills. AP





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# Taking the Edge off

Division's newest addition isn't a destination, but it sure has potential

By Lisa Arnett

It's no secret that the arrival of super-slick, flat-screen-filled spots like The Boundary and The Fifty/50 have had some Wicker Park residents lamenting the loss of their once-edgier 'hood. If those spots were the earthquake that shook this chang-

ing strip of Division, then the arrival of new bar Edge is merely an aftershock. Though its impact isn't nearly as noticeable, change is far from over in this part of town.

Unsurprisingly, there's nothing particularly edgy about Edge. More polished than your typical corner pub but more laid-back than a lounge, we put Edge into a category that you'll find in most neighborhoods: a just-fine local hangout that's not particularly destination-worthy, similar to Tilli's in Lincoln Park or Brownstone in North Center.

## inside

### Edge

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## CROWD

If you're looking for a more varied crowd than, say, white male jock magnet The Boundary down the street, you'll find it here. Flat-screen TVs played sports on mute, but everyone seemed more taken with talking to whom they came with—a coed crew in most cases, with some dates and girlfriend groups mixed in. Don't worry about spending hours in front of the mirror or closet to carefully curate your look for the night; jeans and casual tops were the uniform du jour for both guys and girls.

## DRINKS

The bartending staff is still tweaking its specialty cocktail list, but they're previewing a few if you ask your server. We tried the girly sounding (and looking) Rose Petal (\$10, pictured), which our server described as a “dry cosmo.” Made with Absolut vodka, cranberry and lime juice, Chambord

and champagne, it was a nice divergence from an overdone classic. Without a printed menu, though, the cocktails hadn't really caught on yet; most people were drinking bottles of Bud or Miller Lite (\$4) or Goose Island 312 (\$5).

## EATS

The short food menu is sufficient to kill a late-night snack attack without having to bundle up and haul it over to nearby La Pasadita, but if you're particular about your food and the ingredients, you might be disappointed here. A menu in which “chicken sandwich” or “mini-burgers” is the extent of the description doesn't give much insight into what you're ordering.

## INSIDE

You've seen this layout before: A bar, high-top tables and a lounge section filled with half-circle booths. A line of small, low-slung booths down the center

comfortably seats two—or five, if you were the packed-in group of girls sitting next to us. If you're there to mingle, plant yourself at the bar, which was packed by midnight.

It's too bad patio season is over. With a fenced-in beer garden and sidewalk cafe space along both Division and Paulina, Edge is equipped for a stellar alfresco scene. To draw a reliable crowd, though, it wouldn't hurt to give the food menu more of an edge.

## SERVICE

No attitudes in sight here; the attentive staff was eager to please.

## BOTTOM LINE

Division Street dwellers have scored yet another place to hang out when the let's-go-out itch hits. If you live elsewhere, save the cab fare and stick with one of your own neighborhood standbys.

## THE BREAKDOWN

**Beer vs. cocktail ratio:** 2 to 1

**Girls vs. guy ratio:** 6 to 4

**Velvet rope factor:** Low. Casual crowd; no wait to get in.

**Hookup factor:** Lukewarm.

**Wear your:** Jeans, casual tops and street sneakers

**Who to bring:** Your wingman (or wingwoman). With most people talking to whomever they came with, you'll need back-up to break in.

**Who not to bring:** Your secret hookup. The floor-to-ceiling windows looking out onto Division will give you away in a second.

**Danceability:** Low. Unless you're the life-of-the-party dude we spotted doing the robot in the aisles.

**Value:** Good. \$8-\$10 for shareable appetizers, \$10 for specialty cocktails, \$8-\$9 for wine, \$4-\$8 for bottled beer.

**Huh?** The gray-haired dude in a Mr. Rogers cardigan plying his date over red wine and then proceeding to make out openly.



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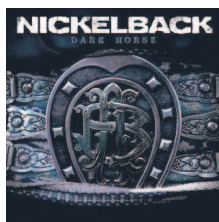
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# No more Mr. Nice Guys

The melodic post-grunge band Nickelback, one of the most commercially successful acts of recent years, is often maligned—this is what hard rock has begot?

Nickelback's real crime isn't one of form. Rather it is that lurking beneath the band's undeniably pretty melodies are literal, wildly unimaginative and often insipid lyrics. Unlike, say, Hinder, which flaunts its brute sensibilities, Nickelback is quietly crass.

No more. Nickelback seems eager to shed at least a little of its politeness on "Dark Horse," its sixth album—by far its


**Nickelback**  

 "Dark Horse"

loosest and most jagged in years, both musically and lyrically. "Something in Your Mouth," which opens the record, is numbingly coarse. "Gotta meet the hottie/with the million-dollar body," Chad Kroeger sings in his soulless rasp. "Shakin' Hands," about a poor girl who turns to prostitution, is the group's attempt at poignancy on the subject of women, though Kroeger isn't interested in much that isn't lurid.

For the first time Nickelback is produced by Mutt Lange (AC/DC, Shania Twain), who has nudged from the band

a tougher sound more suited to its inner louse. "Next Go Round," a soused celebration of sex, veers toward 1980s pop-metal, closing with aggressive guitar riffs. He couldn't fully jolt the band out of its arena-rock ballad comfort zone. Sprinkled throughout this album are vintage Nickelback songs, the brooding slow burners that have defined the band.


But here these songs are the most thoughtful. "Just to Get High" is aimed at a friend who becomes a drug addict. And two of the album's best numbers, "I'd Come for You" and "Never Gonna Be Alone," are about asking for a second chance. Could it be that Nickelback has seen the error of its ways and is apologizing? **JON CARAMANICA, NEW YORK TIMES NEWS**

## SNAP JUDGMENTS



AP FILE


**David Cook**  
*"David Cook"*

 Like most "American Idol" champ debuts, "David Cook" won't go down as the rocker's best

album. It's uneven, sort of rushed and slightly schizophrenic, held together mainly by his charming growl and producer Rob Cavallo's rockish gloss. But that only speaks to David Cook's considerable promise, bolstered by the album's impressive middle. The power ballads "Life on the Moon" and "Mr. Sensitive" should prove even more durable than the smash "The Time of My Life." He stretches boundaries creatively with the metallic, grinding "Bar-Ba-Sol"—part Pearl Jam fist-pumper, part Alice in Chains slither. Somehow, "David Cook" matches its creator—a little unfocused but brimming with potential and so much likability that the faults are forgotten. **GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

## SINGLED OUT

### The Killers

*"Human"*

The Killers' new single floats by on pillowy synths and Brandon Flowers' gorgeous croon. Sure, it doesn't make a whole lot of sense—"Are we human or are we dancer?" has grammatical issues as well as logical ones—but it doesn't matter. The song's soothing shimmer makes for a charming, radio-friendly, new-wave lullaby.

**GLENN GAMBOA, NEWSDAY**

## CD RACK

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**Belle & Sebastian**, "The BBC Sessions"  
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A thin hat that covers the ears should keep you warm, Sailor said. She uses Pryme Vario's snowboarding helmet because it has a strap to mount a light. Some riders use a balaclava, a full head covering that leaves only the eyes exposed, under their helmets.

Reflective tape on your helmet, coat and bike are recommended. Go to [jogalite.com](http://jogalite.com) for reflective clothing.

Protective eyewear. Again Sailor went with snowboarding goggles. Try Conney Safety ([conney.com](http://conney.com)) for cheap protective eyewear.

A front headlight is required by Illinois law.

# winterize your ride

## Cold weather biking takes a gear check

It is possible to stay comfortable and safe while cycling in the winter without spending a lot of cash on expensive professional equipment, said Lauren Sailor, co-chair of Bike Winter, a program of the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation. Just remember to wear clothes that keep your head, hands and feet warm, she said. "Otherwise you're just going to be miserable." Sailor and other local riders told RedEye what winter bikers should be wearing.

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Lauren Sailor is co-chair of Bike Winter, a Chicagoland Bicycle Federation program. CHASE AGNELLO-DEAN/REDEYE







## By Susheela Bhat

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When Lauren Sailor first got a bicycle, it was sitting in the basement by the end of the year.

Sailor admits that during her first Chicago winter, biking around the city "just didn't seem like a good idea; it was too ridiculously cold."

By her second winter, Sailor was plowing through all kinds of bad weather.

"The more I biked, the more I just got into it and kept going for just one more day," said Sailor, who is now a member of the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation.

Many fair-weather cyclists share Sailor's initial reaction to the idea of biking in winter: It's insane. But it's not that crazy, winter bikers told RedEye. With the CTA's recent approval of fare hikes, the high cost of gas and the general increased cost of living, more

people are finding reasons to stay in the saddle all year long.

"If you consider the overall cost of commuting [by car or CTA], it adds up to being far more expensive than a bike," said Brian Sobolak, a bank manager who bikes downtown from Logan Square every day. "On top of that the commute takes longer. When you look at it like that, it's silly not to bike all year."

Saving time is another big factor in biking in the winter, along with saving money and getting an outdoor workout.

"It beats waiting for a car to warm up," Sailor said. "It's also a matter of getting to campus [University of Chicago] in five minutes on my bike, or more than 20 while I wait in the freezing cold for the CTA."

Many people who don't bike in winter believe roads will be too icy or snowy, but that

apprehension didn't stop Brendan Neuman from biking his first winter in the Windy City.

"Even if you were to completely wipe out while you're on the road, the piles of snow make for a pretty handy, if somewhat dirty, cushion," said Neuman, who has biked for three winters without incident. "Between that and the layers of clothes, you're pretty safe from getting hurt with a minor fall."

Sailor recommends that people who are worried about the safety of winter biking approach it as if they were driving a car.

"The city does a good job of keeping the roads clear, but if you think it might be slippery then be a little more careful," she said.

To find events, workshops and more information about winter cycling visit the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation Web site at [biketraffic.org](http://biketraffic.org).

## GET UP TO SPEED

- » Winter Biking Workshop: 6:30-8 p.m. Sunday; free. Performance Bike Shop, 2720 N. Halsted St.; 773-248-0107.
- » Winterizing your bike, wardrobe and accessories. Contact: Martin Hazard at [martrain73@hotmail.com](mailto:martrain73@hotmail.com), or Lauren Sailor at [elsailor@gmail.com](mailto:elsailor@gmail.com).
- » Winter Bicycling Tricks & Tips: 3-5 p.m. Nov. 23; free. UIC Student Center East, Illinois Room AB, 750 S. Halsted St. "Mr. Bike" (Dave Glowacz) gives tips for shielding your machine from that notorious winter seasoning, salt. More info: [mrbike.com](http://mrbike.com).
- » Bike Winter Basics: 7-10 p.m. Nov. 26; \$10 donation. West Town Bikes, 2418 W. North Ave. Bring a bike to work on. Contact: Martin Hazard or Lauren Sailor.
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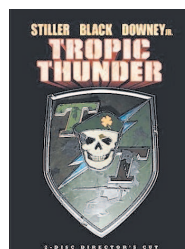
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Ben Stiller co-wrote, directed and stars with Robert Downey Jr. and Jack Black in this action comedy about a gang of self-important actors whose Vietnam War shoot turns into real combat as they encounter a ruthless drug gang in the jungles of Asia. Stiller's unrated director's cut, with 14 minutes of additional footage, is available in a two-disc DVD set and in the Blu-ray release, while the R-rated theatrical version comes in a single-disc DVD. Among the extras on each release are commentaries with Stiller, Downey and Black.



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### The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2

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America Ferrera, Amber Tamblyn, Alexis Bledel and Blake Lively return as the foursome of friends who bond over a ragged article of shared clothing. This time around, the four are off on their own, attending college while trying to maintain the connection to their old pals despite the distance between them. The DVD and Blu-ray come with deleted footage accompanied by a gag reel and a featurette.



### Heathers

DVD and Blu-ray set, \$89.97; Blu-ray, \$29.97

The high school black comedy starring Winona Ryder, Christian Slater and Shannen Doherty is back with a reunion edition to mark its 20th anniversary. Ryder stars as a cool chick who hangs with the popular clique, a trio of teens named Heather, with Slater the unstable new kid who unleashes a bizarre wave of murder, suicide and explosive pep rallies. A boxed set shaped like a miniature school locker packs a two-disc DVD version and the Blu-ray debut of the movie, along with a T-shirt, a yearbook replica and a batch of "Heathers"-themed magnets.

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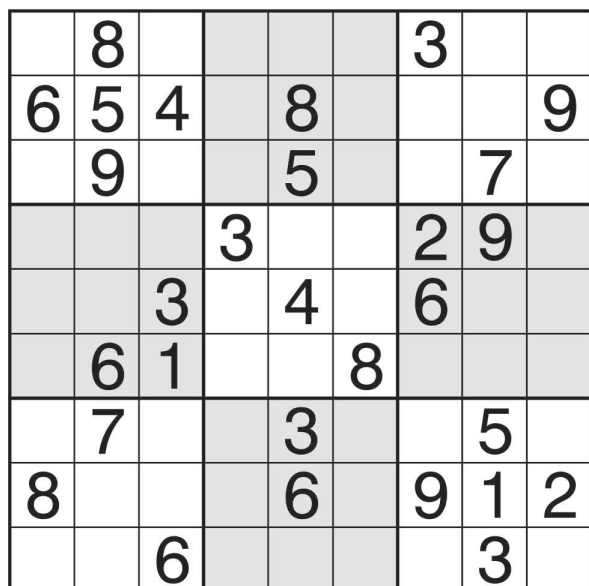
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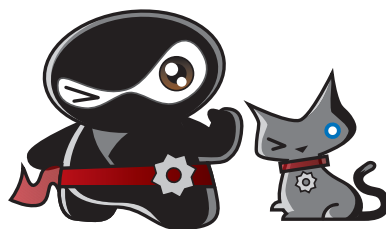
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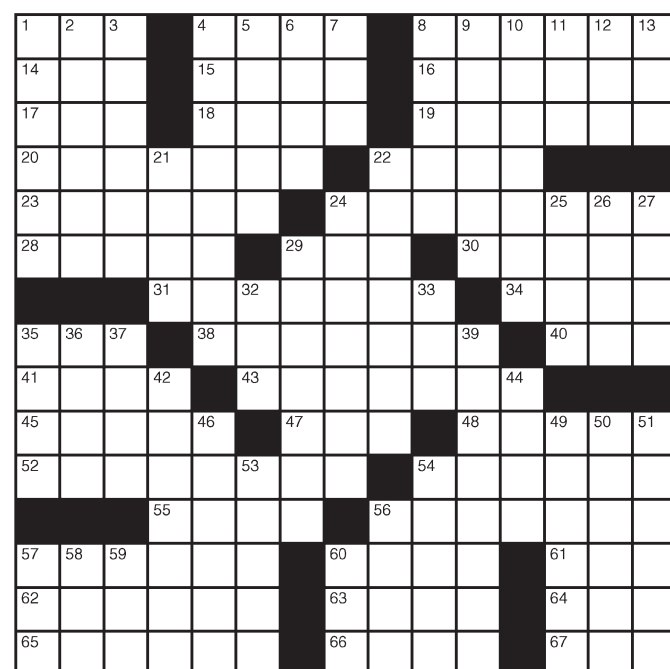
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## Associated Press

**NEW YORK** Carson Daly chatted with Eminem, Beyonce gave a show-stopping performance, girls shrieked at the sight of Justin Timberlake and hundreds of fans lined up outside in Times Square for a glimpse at superstars.

For a few hours, it seemed like old times at MTV's "Total Request Live"—back when the show was not only music's most powerful force but also a dominant part of pop culture. Unfortunately, it took the show's demise to make it relevant again.

MTV pulled the plug on its most influential franchise Sunday night following years of declining ratings, but not before marking the occasion with celebration and nostalgia, as some of pop's biggest stars paid respects to the show that helped launch their careers.

Here's a look at how some of the stars whose careers were made on the video request show remembered their time in the Manhattan studio.



“It’s a bittersweet moment.”

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“If it wasn’t for ‘TRL,’ I don’t think I would have this launching pad for my career.”

—KID ROCK



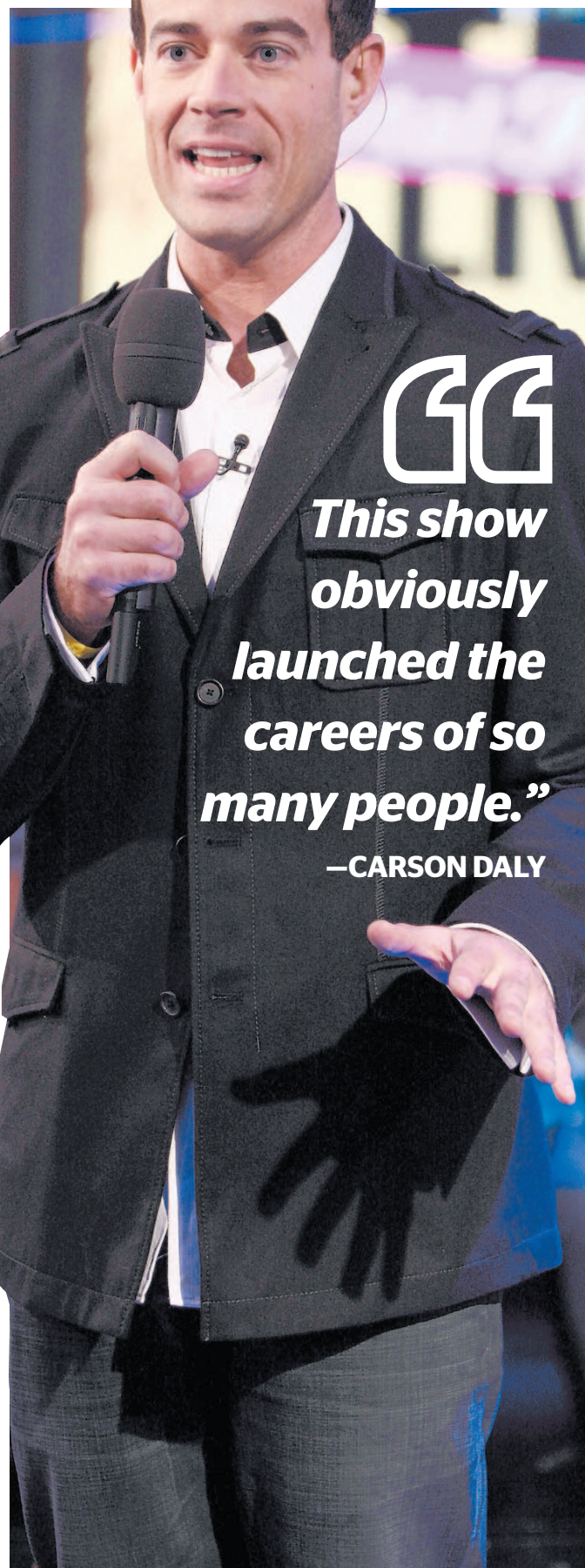
“It’s a big loss, not having this as a platform to promote our music.”

—50 CENT



“This is like a high school reunion in a way ... I feel like we all grew up together. ‘TRL’ was so integral to our careers.”

—JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE



“This show obviously launched the careers of so many people.”

—CARSON DALY

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- A. 2001
- B. 1998
- C. 1994
- D. 2000

### 2. Carson Daly was the host of the show. What show does he host now?

- A. “Late Night with Carson Daly”
- B. “Last Call with Carson Daly”
- C. “The Carson Daly Show”
- D. “The Tonight Show with Carson Daly”



### 3. True or false: The Backstreet Boys broke news of member A.J. McLean’s drug and alcohol abuse rehab on “TRL.”

- A. False
- B. True

### 4. Who was the most frequent guest on the show, according to The Associated Press?

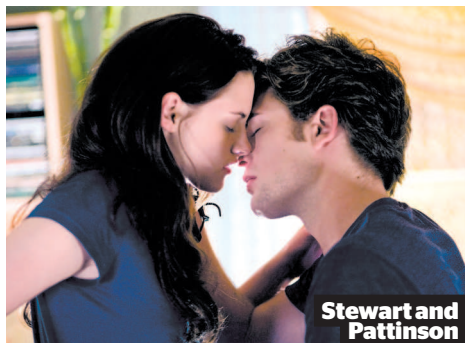
- A. Britney Spears
- B. Diddy
- C. Kid Rock
- D. Fall Out Boy

### 5. Which former VJ is now an actor on “One Tree Hill”?

- A. Vanessa Minnillio
- B. Hilarie Burton
- C. Jesse Camp



## GOOD NEWS, BAD NEWS



Stewart and Pattinson

## Interview with the vampire

Hottie of the moment Robert Pattinson says he signed on to play vamp Edward Cullen in "Twilight" because of co-star Kristen Stewart, he tells **premiere.com**.

"When I read the book, and there are these moony descriptions of Edward ... I thought there was no way I could play him," he said. "But when I got into the room with Kristen, there was just certain chemistry."

### Jailhouse letters

Imagine that: Jail is not fun. Kiefer Sutherland, who served a 7-week jail sentence for DUI, tells Men's Vogue about his ordeal behind bars, according to excerpts on **people.com**. "There's no smoking. The lights never go out, 24/7. You can't cover anything. You can't even put your head under a blanket. All the cells have cameras in them." You don't say.

### Family guy

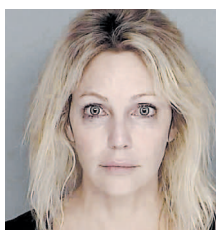
Like father, like son? Rocker Gavin Rossdale says he can see his 2-year-old son Kingston becoming an entertainer. "He's got a better wardrobe than I have! I can definitely see a performer in him," Rossdale told **usmagazine.com**. Meanwhile, things with 2-month-old Zuma are "going great," said the singer, who recently celebrated his four-year wedding anniversary with Gwen Stefani.



Theron AP

## Good news

Actress Charlize Theron was named UN messenger of peace, **people.com** reported. She will focus on ending violence against women, a personal issue for her.



## Bad news

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# red hot



Johansson  
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# Lip service

Hey, Katy Perry: ScarJo says thanks for the song. But where's her piece of the pie? Scarlett Johansson tells December's *Allure*, according to excerpts on [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com), that she's flattered by "I Kissed A Girl," which Perry said she wrote after seeing Johansson in a magazine. "That's flattering, but my lips are kind of taken," says the "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" star, who recently married actor Ryan Reynolds. "I had no idea [about the song]," says Johansson. "I should get a cut!"

## 24.5 million:

Number of viewers who watched "60 Minutes" on Sunday, when President-elect Obama gave his first post-election interview, according to an estimate by Nielsen Media Research. Entertainment Weekly reports the number is the show's biggest audience since at least 1999.

## Cruise out, Jolie in

Angelina Jolie is taking over for Tom Cruise as the lead in an upcoming spy movie. Cruise backed out of the espionage thriller "Edwin A. Salt" this summer, fueling rumors soon after that Jolie was in talks to play the role, according to [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com). In an interview Monday with BBC Radio, Jolie confirmed: "I'm working on a film called 'Salt.' And it's with [Bone Collector director] Phillip Noyce." Writers reworked the lead role—of a CIA officer falsely accused of being a Russian agent—to be a woman. That, people, is the power of Angie.

## Miley hoax

Miley Cyrus is not dead. We repeat: Miley Cyrus is not dead. The "Hannah Montana" star, who is alive and well, was the victim of an Internet hoax over the weekend when someone hacked into her YouTube account and posted a video alleging she'd been killed by a drunken driver, The Associated Press reports. The now-removed video had a fake message from Cyrus pal Mandy Jiroux, who denied the rumor in a posting on her official MySpace page. Cyrus is slated to perform her latest single on the "Dancing With the Stars" season finale Nov. 25, according to [people.com](http://people.com).

## Tyra's model gift

The first trans-gender contestant on "America's Next Top Model" will be getting the sex reassignment surgery she always wanted, Tyra Banks announced on her talk show in an episode to air Tuesday.



King

"This is not happening!" said Isis King, 22, who was born Darrell Walls. "[I feel] like I'm about to wake up." King, who lost the top model competition earlier this cycle, said she couldn't afford the surgery's \$20,000 to \$35,000 price tag. Dr. Marci Bowers, a gender reassignment surgeon, is paying for the surgery, *Us Weekly* reports.

## Peek into 'Wonderland'

We might have gotten our first glimpse of director Tim Burton's vision for "Alice in Wonderland"—and it is tantalizingly twisted. An image posted on [nypost.com](http://nypost.com) Monday shows Johnny Depp as a dark, disheveled, makeup-smeared Mad Hatter—think Edward Scissorhands meets Heath Ledger's Joker. The movie currently is scheduled for release in 2010, according to [imdb.com](http://imdb.com).

## Crash test

Even a make-believe psychic didn't see Bruno coming. An actor disrupted a scene for "Medium" involving Patricia Arquette, who stars as psychic Allison DuBois in the NBC drama. After the unruly extra was ejected by security, the truth became clear: He was comic prankster Sacha Baron Cohen in his identity as outrageous fashion reporter Bruno. It was unclear how Cohen gained entry to the set, and whether he was secretly filming his performance for his own use, according to Entertainment Weekly.

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As fashion reporter Bruno, which supermodel did Sacha Baron Cohen once interview? Text **"model"** and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get an answer telling you whether you got it right.

- 1) Gisele Bundchen 2) Kate Moss  
3) Heidi Klum 4) Niki Taylor